

REMARKS

Claims 10-18 are pending in the application. New claims 10-18 have been added, where claims 10-18 correspond to original claims 1-9, which have been canceled without prejudice. The amendments/new claims are fully supported by the application as originally filed (see, e.g., specification at page 12, lines 8-15; page 14, lines 7-18; page 15, line 19 to page 16, line 2; and page 24, lines 10-19).

Claims 1, 3, and 5 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Independent claim 1 has been replaced by independent claim 10, which clearly recites that input data is distributed to either a first storage section or a second storage section, and the stored input data in the first storage section is transferred to the second storage section. Further, claims 3 and 5 have been replaced by claims 12 and 14, respectively, and each refer to "the input data," which has proper antecedence in claim 10. It is believed that the amendments overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, and 9 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2003/0095284 to Parry. Claims 3-7 were rejected based on combinations including the Parry reference. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Regarding the rejection of independent claim 1 over Parry, the Parry reference does not teach or suggest a data processing apparatus having first and second storage sections and a data control unit configured to distribute input data to either the first or second storage section and "transfer the stored input data from the first storage section to the second storage section," as recited in independent claim 10.

On page 4 of the Office Action of 12/11/2007, paragraphs 0018 and 0023 of Parry were cited as allegedly corresponding to the Applicants' claimed first storage section, second storage section, and data distributing means.

Referring to paragraphs 0018 and 0023 of Parry, various processing steps are described based on the system depicted in FIG. 1 of Parry. In particular, imaging devices 110-1, 110-2 and 110-3 each include a storage device 135 for storing jobs or print-ready format files (see, e.g., paragraph 0014 of Parry). As described in paragraph 0018 of Parry, a print job is transferred to an appropriate directory based on file name, file type, address, permissions such as a PIN number, and/or an identifier associated with the print job. As described in paragraph 0023, the print job can be stored in the appropriate directory.

However, there is no teaching or suggestion in Parry that a print job can be transferred between directories. In particular, in Parry, the directories correspond to particular attributes of print jobs, and there is no teaching or suggestion of a "first storage section" which may only temporarily store data. Therefore, it would not be obvious to transfer the data from one directory to another directory.

For at least the reasons discussed above, the Parry reference does not anticipate or otherwise obvious the Applicants' claimed invention. Therefore, independent claim 10 and dependent claims 11-18 are patentable over Parry.

It is believed that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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